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## REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 12-20 have been cancelled, this is consistent with the previous proposed Amendment after Final filed May 18, 2007. That Amendment was not entered.

Claims 4 and 21 have been amended in independent format. As indicated on page 7 of the Final Office Action of February 1, 2007, Claims 4-11 and 21 were objected to for dependence on one or more rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 4 has been amended in independent format to recite all the limitations previously recited in Claims 1 and 3. Claims 5-11 depend from Claim 4. As such, Claims 4-11 are now allowable and Applicant respectfully requests the objection be withdrawn as to Claims 4-11.

Claim 21 has also been amended in independent format to recite all the limitations previously recited in Claim 1. Claim 22 depends from Claim 21 and as such, is allowable. Applicant respectfully requests the objection be withdrawn as to Claims 21-22.

In the "non-entered" Amendment after Final filed May 18, 2007 proposed Claims 23-29 were deemed noncompliant with *Ex parte Wirt* and Section 714.13 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. Inasmuch as these claims have never been entered, the new claims are numbered 23, 24 and 25 in this paper. In order to correctly comply with *Ex parte Wirt* and Section 714.13 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-3 and submitted new Claims 23, 24 and 25 in the present amendment. New Claims 23, 24, and 25 ultimately depend from Claim 21. As such, Claims 23, 24, and 25 are allowable.

Support for these amendments may be found in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

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Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any matters or issues outstanding that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction. The Notice of Appeal filed July 6, 2007 is believed moot in view of the forgoing Amendments.

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